



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a Special meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held August 20, 2025, at RTG-Eagle Room, Nett Lake, Minnesota-Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Moment of silence done for invocation.

Members Present: Carlos Hernandez, Shane Drift, Tara Geshick

Members Absent: Robert Moyer, Jr-excused

Others Present: See attached sign in for in-person and virtual attendees.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the agenda with the following additions: Doris Isham, RTAP application; Miranda, wild rice update; DI seat vacancy.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve RTC meeting minutes from Special Meeting held August 6, 2025.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a) Approval of EPA GHG repeal comments letter 4-0-0
- b) Approve submission of USDA RCDI grant application on behalf of Fortune Bay 4-0-0
- c) Approve Resolution No. 21-2026, affirming compliance with the Principle of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) for decisions regarding bands Akiing Azhenan IFM Project 3-0-0
- d) Approve stmt re: DI P.D. resignation, Petition & DI S.D. resignation of vice-chair 3-0-0
- e) Approve to submit for grant, FY 25 Tribal Homeland Security grant program 3-0-0
- f) Resolution No. 22-2026, Article X Petition Moot-Former District I Rep. Perry Drift 3-0-0

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the appointment of Terry Defoe to the University of Minnesota School of Nursing advisory board.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the sub award funding for use during a community engagement activity.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the request to use the BF Logo for ARDC press release.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the purchase of 3 propane buses from North Central Bus & Equipment.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the bid recommendation for Big Woods transit facility water/waste water tie in to village service, bike path, ground excavation for building footings to Utility Systems of America, with alternatives.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the purchase of 1 transit van from AVAN Mobility. (Approved prior for 2 vans but due to some grant wording only have room to purchase 1).
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Change Order #1 with ArchKey/Town & Country for the BF Housing rehab roof project.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the State of Minnesota Affordable Housing aid use of funds.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the 105(l) lease renewals for FY 2026, Lease modifications for FY 2026 and additions letter, authorizing Chair to sign.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request for 3 additional 105(l) leases: Sawmill, Quonset Hut and BF Duluth Urban Office.
Carried 2-0-0

Recess is taken at 9:56am

Reconvene at 10:07am

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift to approve Resolution No. 23-2026, New residential lease issued to Frank Villebrun Jr.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 24-2026, Modification of residential lease for Gary Donald and Joanna Boyer.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the request to use the BF Logo on Sprint Medic vehicles.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the purchase of emergency warning siren system from Federal Signal Corporation.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the SRF Task Order No. 16171.06 for Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program RTAP grand application, so long as there were not legal concerns.

Carried 2-0-0

Miranda reads a memo from Chris Holm on status of wild rice.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to select special election as the process for filling the vacancy under MCT Election Ordinance Section 1.2(B)(2) for the District I Representative seat left vacant due to the resignation of Perry Drift on August 12, 2025.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to adjourn at 10:28 a.m.

Carried 2-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving 
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: September 3, 2025